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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Andrew F. Knight  
Title: AN INK PEN FOR DISPENSING INK HAVING TIME-DEPENDENT CHARACTERISTICS  
Appl. No.: 10/697,255  
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Examiner: P. Devore  
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT TO ELECT A SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005, the claims were subjected to a requirement to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. Examiner Devore asserts the following species: 1) the embodiment shown in Figs. 1, 2a, and 2b; 2) the embodiment shown in Fig. 3; and the embodiment disclosed on page 17, lines 5-12.

Applicant elects Species 1: the embodiment shown in Figs. 1, 2a, and 2b. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7, 9, 12-15, and 17-20 are readable on the elected species. Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional application for any claims readable on any non-elected species. Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits and favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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